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North Vietnam

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August, or September 1967

SUBJECT

Sighting of An U.S. Prisoner of War In Huu Quan Village,
Thuy Nguyen District, Hai Phong Province, North Vietnam.

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1. AN AMERICAN PILOT OF THE USA WAS SIGHTED IN ABOUT AUGUST OR
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September 1967 in Huu Quan Village, Thuy Nguyen District, Hai Phong
Province, North Vietnam. The American was standing in a foxhole, sticking
out his head wrapped in a blood-dripping bandage. [] and about
60 villagers came to see the American. [] and the spectators were told
by the captors that the American had shot one militiaman in Huu Quan
Village who was seriously wounded and the American was beaten up by other
militiamen. His plane was shot down about two kilometers away from []
where he was held. The American was believed a field grade officer
because his parachute was red colored.

2. At about 1400 hrs in August or September 1967, [] was in his
home in Tan Duong Village, one kilometer away from Huu Quan Village,
suddenly he heard of airstrikes and bombing and the Anti-Aircraft in
Huu Quan Village opened fired. In about an hour later, 1500 hrs, people
in the village rushed in the spot to see the captive pilot. [] followed
them. At the time of sighting, [] saw two out of eight anti-aircrafts
of 100m/m were damaged and 13 members in the anti-aircraft company in
Huu Quan Village were killed. Local villagers attempted to beat the
pilot standing in the foxhole of the political officer of the anti-
aircraft company in Huu Quan Village but they were explained by North
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Vietnamese Army soldiers that the American pilot was very important to
the Government of North Vietnam. At about 1530 hrs, one Soviet man with
camera and two North Vietnamese soldiers armed with AK-rifle drove a Soviet
made vehicle from Haiphong City to take pictures and pick up the American
The Soviet cameraman spoke fluently Vietnamese.

3. The American wore blue pants, white shirt spotted with blood
stains. He had no shoes. He was covered with sand, dirt. He was about
35 years old, about 1.80 meters tall, 80 kilos in weight. He was ruddy
complexioned. He was not tied up, and wounded in his head. His expression
towards lookers was hostile. His Mauser pistol was taken by local militiamen.

4. [] Comment: During the debriefing, [] was
shown the Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC) Album of missing and
captured personnel in SEA but was unable to make any identification.